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October 11, 2013

#### By Hand Delivery

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 10-90, WC Docket No. 11-42

2013 ETC Annual Report of West River Cooperative Telephone Company

Study Area Code 391689

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of West River Cooperative Telephone Company "West River", JSI files the attached confidential and redacted versions of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules. West River seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information. The redacted version is also being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall JSI Vice President

301-459-7590

jkuykendall@jsitel.com

cc: Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division (two copies, confidential)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Protective Order, DA 12-1857 rel. Nov. 16, 2012 (Protective Order). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2).

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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no ) O	
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no ) O	
<112>	If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.  Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If you CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.		
	Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.		tached Document (.pdf)
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets		
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received		
<115>	How (USF) was used to improve service quality		
<116>	How (USF)was used to improve service coverage		
<117>	How (USF) was used to improve service capacity		
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.		

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(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2013
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
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(710) Broadband Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rate and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select }
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<810>	Reporting Carrier West River Cooperative Telephone Company	у			
<811>	Holding Company				
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<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves		Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation and Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation		391689sd920  Name of Attached Document (.pdf)
	If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:		
<921>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;	Select (Yes,No, NA)	- -
<922>	Feasibility and sustainability planning;	Yes	7
<923>	Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;	Yes	7
<924>	Compliance with Rights of way processes	Yes	
<925>	Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements	Yes	
	Compliance with Facilities Siting rules	Yes	-
	Compliance with Facilities Sitting times	I	$\dashv$
<926>		Yes	
	Compliance with Facilities Siting Tules  Compliance with Environmental Review processes  Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes	Yes	_

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form			FCC Form 481  OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  July 2013	
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<1120>	Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)			
<1130>	Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)			

(1200) Te Lifeline	rms and Condition for Lifeline Customers			FCC Form 481  OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<1210> <1220>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans  Link to Public Website	Ъ	ame of attached document (.pdf)	-link-up/
(1220)	"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:	HTTP <u></u>		
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	<b>V</b>		
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	V		
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	V		

Check the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of incremental Connect America Phase I reporting support as set forth in a 7 CFR § 54.313(b),(d),(f),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.	(2000) Br	ica Can Carrier Additional Decumentation				
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Study Area Name   WART RIVER CODERARATIVE TRIL. CO.	Including	Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers		July 2013		
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#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients			
certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support ecipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.			
Name of Reporting Carrier:			
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date		
Printed name of Authorized Officer:			
Title or position of Authorized Officer:			
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:			
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:		
Persons willfully making false statements on this form ca	be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.		

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# TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

I certify that (Name of Agent) <sub>Cassandra_Heyne</sub> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.				
Name of Authorized Agent: Cassandra Heyne				
Name of Reporting Carrier: WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TEL. CO.				
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 10/11/2013			
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Jerry Reisenauer				
Title or position of Authorized Officer: General Manager				
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 605 244 5213				
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 391689	Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013			

# TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf	of Reportin	g Carrier		
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.				
Name of Reporting Carrier: WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TEL. CO.				
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: John Staurulakis, Inc				
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date:	10/11/2013		
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Cassandra Heyne				
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent Senior Analyst				
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 3014597590				
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 391689 Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013				
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	502, 503(b), oi	fine or imprisonment under Title		

Attachments

West River Cooperative Telephone Company's Demonstration of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules:

In establishing this certification in its 2005 ETC Order,<sup>1</sup> the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers." <sup>2</sup> The FCC found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement" and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis. <sup>3</sup> In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement." <sup>4</sup>

West River Cooperative Telephone Company ("Company") hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations under both federal and South Dakota state law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of the South Dakota Administrative Rule 20:10:27:07 which discloses rates, terms and conditions of service to customers; (2) adherence to state requirements that the Company satisfies and certifies annually that it complies with consumer protection and service quality standards pursuant

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("2005 ETC Order").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.* at para. 28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id.* The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: "(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy." *Id.* at n. 71.

Administrative Rules regarding transmittal of bills (20:10:07:03), billing requirements (20:10:34:09), billing disputes (20:10:07:04), refunds for service interruptions (20:10:07:05) service quality standards for local exchange companies (20:10:33), and notification of adverse changes in rates, terms, or conditions (South Dakota Codified Law 49-31-12.8); (3) truth-in-billing requirements, and (4) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

The Company provides service in North Dakota and is subject to consumer protection obligations under North Dakota state law as a telecommunications carrier subject to North Dakota Public Service Commission regulation. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) adherence to state requirements that the Company complies with consumer protection and service quality standards pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Article 69, including customer requests for lowest price service alternatives (69-09-05-01), discontinuance of telecommunications services (69-09-05-02), deposits and guarantees (69-09-05-03); (2) truth-in-billing requirements, and (3) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

The Company provides service in Montana and is subject to consumer protection and service quality obligations under Montana state law as a telecommunications carrier subject to Montana Public Service Commission regulation. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) adherence to state requirements that the Company complies with consumer protection and service quality standards pursuant to Montana Public Service Regulations for provision information about lowest-cost services

(38.5.333), customer billing (38.5.3332), complaints and appeals (38.5.3335), customer trouble reports (38.5.3360), periodic tests, inspection, and preventative maintenance (38.5.3361); (2) truth-in-billing requirements, and (3) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

# West River Cooperative Telephone Company's Demonstration of Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

West River Cooperative Telephone Company ("Company") hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in \$54.202(a)(2), South Dakota Administrative Rule 20:10:32:54.07, North Dakota Administrative Code 69-09-05-12, and Montana Administrative Rule 38.5.3351. The Company's network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will also allow the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require. The Company maintains a contingency plan to prevent or minimize service interruptions due to the catastrophic loss of a central office switch, toll switching office, or tandem switching office, pursuant to South Dakota Administrative Rule 20:10:33:18. The plan is available for review upon request.

Specifically, each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. As required by South Dakota Administrative Rule 20:10:33:19, the Company's central office can

Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."

maintain 8 hours, plus or minus 15 percent, of battery reserve rated for peak traffic load requirements, and a permanent auxiliary or mobile power unit is installed which can be delivered and connected within four hours. The Company has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites capable of running for a minimum of 8 hours, plus or minus 15 percent, in compliance with the State rules. Length of run time is determined by the equipment serving the area and the number of customers working out of the equipment. Generators are installed at all Central Office locations. They will continue to run as long as the Company has access to fuel. The Company tests the batteries at least once per year.

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December 14, 2012

Charles W. Murphy, Chairman Standing Rock Sioux Tribe P O Box D Fort Yates, ND 58538

Dear Mr. Murphy:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of a recent Order reforming the federal universal service mechanisms related to telecommunications and information services, has adopted new requirements that are intended to facilitate engagement between telecommunications companies serving Tribal Lands. The FCC's new "Tribal Engagement" provisions are intended to improve communications and foster a greater understanding between service providers and Tribal entities of the factors necessary to deploy and sustain telecommunication services on Tribal lands. The ultimate aim is to benefit Tribal government leaders, carriers/service providers, and consumers living on Tribal lands by providing greater connectivity to 21st century economic opportunities, education, health care, and public safety. *See* FCC Public Notice, <u>Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Wireline Competition Bureau Issue Further Guidance on Tribal Engagement Obligation Provisions of the Connect America Fund, DA 12-1165, released July 19, 2012.</u>

Although the FCC's rules related to Tribal Engagement still await approval by the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and will not legally take effect until that occurs, West River Cooperative Telephone Company would, as soon as possible, like to begin discussions with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in a manner consistent with the pending FCC rules. Accordingly, we would request a meeting with the Tribe. The purpose of this meeting will, generally, be to exchange information related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

West River Cooperative Telephone Company, Bison, SD serves 68 customers in an approximately 333 square mile area in Corson County, SD and Sioux County, ND.

West River provides Broadband service to its members that reside within the confines of the Standing Rock Reservation over fiber-to-the-home and fiber-in-the-loop systems. (See enclosed map).

Presently 41 of the 68 customers subscribe to West River's Broadband service for a penetration rate of 60.3%.

West River also provides information on the Tribal Lifeline and Link Up Programs to all new customers and on its website.

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West River does not serve any anchor institutions within the confines of the Standing Rock Reservation.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We look forward to working with you to further foster the development of the tribal areas we serve.

Sincerely,

Jerry Reisenauer, General Manager

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Mr. Kevin Keckler, Sr. Tribal Chairman Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Government P O Box 590 Eagle Butte, SD 57625

Dear Mr. Keckler:

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Mr. Kevin Keckler

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